ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A rear side member is composed of an upper member and a lower member. A flange of the upper member and a flange of the lower member are spot-welded to each other. An end edge of the upper member and a flange of the lower member are individually spot-welded to a side sill. A flange of the lower member is spot-welded to the lower surface of the upper member. A flange of the upper member and an end edge of the lower member are spot-welded to a rear wheel house. Thus, the upper member and the lower member form a closed cross section. A side edge portion of a rear floor panel is spot-welded to the upper surface of the flange.